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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: YOUR MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN TUESDAY
MORNING

1. BY SEPTTEL YOU WILL BE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVEY
TO BEGIN WHEN YOU SEE HIM THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION ON
AIRCRAFT SALES TO ISRAEL, SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT.
2. IN YOUR MEETING WITH BEGIN, YOU SHOULD ALSO CONVEY TO
HIM THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION FOR HIM TO VISIT WASHING-
TON FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN EARLY MARCH. TELL HIM THAT,
HAVING HAD THE OCCASION FOR AN EXTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, PRESIDENT CARTER FEELS IT WOULD BE
VERY HELPFUL IF HE AND BEGIN COULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
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FOR SIMILAR TALKS AT THIS IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE PEACE
PROCESS. MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEIR MEETING IN
DECEMBER AND THE PRESIDENT WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY
TO REVIEW RECENT EVENTS PERSONALLY WITH BEGIN, TO ASSESS
WHERE WE NOW ARE, AND TO CONSIDER WITH HIM HOW BEST TO
MOVE FORWARD IN THE COMING WEEKS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS
TOWARD PEACE. THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE THIS TO BE AN
INFORMAL WORKING VISIT SO THAT THE TWO OF THEM CAN HAVE
THE FULLEST OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TOGETHER AND TO GET
THE GREATEST BENEFIT FROM THE TIME THE PRIME MINISTER MAY

HAVE AVAILABLE. IF THE PRIME MINISTER AGREES, PRECISE
AND MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATES CAN BE WORKED OUT OVER THE
NEXT FEW DAYS. MEANWHILE, PENDING AGREEMENT ON DATES
AND A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WE WOULD ASK THAT THIS MATTER
BE KEPT IN CONFIDENCE BETWEEN US.

3. FINALLY, IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES IN THE COURSE OF
YOUR MEETING, YOU MAY TELL BEGIN THAT WASHINGTON HAS
FULLY ENDORSED THE COMMENTS YOU MADE TO HIM DURING YOUR
MEETING SATURDAY EVENING (TEL AVIV 2031 PARAS 4,6, 7;
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